of those records is detrimental to the interest of the State or the individual. If any University can spare some funds it would be better advised to undertake survey acquisition & listing of records lying uncared in private custody, rather than preserve ephemeral records.

(o) Publication of Quarterly Journal in the State Archives

(17) Resolution by Dr. S.R.Tyagi

"The commission appreciates the venture of State Archives Trivandrum (Kerala) in starting a quarterly journal "Kerala Archives News Letter" and resolves that similar publications be started by other Archives at their earliest to bring to light the important original material present in their archives."

Explanatory Note

It is a very welcome feature on the part of State Archives, Trivandrum-23 (Kerala) to start a quarterly journal named "Kerala Archives News Letter". It is a publication worth emulation by all the other State Archives of India in as much as it provides a forum for publishing important original Historical material present in an archives. Material thus brought to light becomes a very important source for Historical research to be made by scholars. For example, the two letters dated 30th January 19/23 & 24th March 19/26 written by Dr.Chempakarman Pillai to his father and to his brother from Berlin go to show that Kerala did not lag behind other states in providing patriots burning with a zeal to liberate their motherland from foreign domination and worked hand-in-glove with organisations in foreign lands like Germany or America to achieve their aim. This, in its turn, goes to

establish how broad based and wide-spread was the struggle for India's freedom and how sons of motherland made a concerted attempt for it. This lends solidarity to Indian Nationhood which had begun to emerge from the beginning of 19th century.

Publication of such bulletins is, therefore, a very useful contribution to Historical knowledge. Other State Archives should, therefore, start publications of similar news-bulletins to place original material at the disposal of Researchers. Hence the accompanying resolution.

Standing Committee's view

The resolution is quite a landable one. But it is doubtful every the State Archives will have the resources and the sufficient experience to bring out such journals regularly. The National Archives of India had faced enarmour difficulties to bring out"The Indian Archives regularly. It will be much better if the State Archives may send their material to the National Archives, so that The Indian Archives" may be brought out either every month or at least after every three month.

(P) Establishment of a full-fleged Department of Archives in Assam

(16) Resolution by Dr. P.C.Chaudhury

"Resolved that a full-fleged Department of Assam State Archives be established with properly trained members of the Staff, to be located at Gauhati, preferably attached to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, as a seperate Wing with a Director of State Archives."